

## American Revolution story about Isaac Green

Isaac Green was a member of Capt. Parker's Company, he was in his 20's and his military background was quite extensive!

Eleven miles from Boston is the village green of Lexington, the spot where the first organized resistance to British oppression was made, and the first blood of the Revolution shed.

History tells us that the morning sun shed its radiance upon a scene of unusual beauty. Spring was seen on every side; "What a glorious morning for America!" exclaimed Adams, Yes, doubly glorious! The spirit of liberty was early and effectually kindled in the hearts of the people of Lexington. Grave fears were entertained for the safety of Hancock and Adams, who were known to be the guests of Rev. Jonas Clarke, and every precaution was taken to guard against their capture on the night of the 18th of April

Isaac along with the militia at the Buckman Tavern were ready in a minutes notice in response to the alarm of Paul Revere, the bell also clanged sharply, the drums sounded on the night air, there was a taking down of muskets by the "minutemen".

Captain John Parker then assembled his men at the usual place of parade on the Common, and gave orders for each man to load his musket with powder and ball, but not to fire unless fired upon. The company was then dismissed, with instructions to be in readiness at the first notes of alarm.

So, who was Isaac Green... I believe he is the son of Elisabeth Green who died giving birth out of wedlock on Jun 10, 1750. This would make Isaac 25 years of age when on common Apr. 19, 1775. I

believe he was raised by his Aunt Sarah still living at home at this time and by her mother Esther. Based on the Green, Muzzey and Lawrence documentation Bezaleel (who married Sarah) often received monies for Isaac for the first campaign and moving the cannon from Lexington to Cambridge. (1775-1776) Bezaleel and Sarah most likely were living in Medford in 1776, and this is probably where Isaac met Eleanor Tufts.

Isaac was one who stood their ground as the regulars approach the Lexington Common, as the minutemen remained steadfast and did not leave the parade until a murderous volley erupted.



The Original Green family was from Woburn on the Lexington line area. Grand-parents Samuel & Ester Green moved to the middle of town, as Samuel was employed in 1720 to ring the bell, sweep the meeting house, and kept the key. They had five children, Esther, b. Sept. 7, 1718 and bap that year in the ch. in Lexington. Phebe b. April 22, 1721, (died young), Samuel b. April 17, 1723, Elizabeth, b. June 22, 1727, and Benjamin, b. Dec. 2, 1732.

Mother (or guardian) Esther Green, at the age of 16, m. Amos Muzzey 9/26/34 (Amos d. 6/26/52) Amos died owning

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eighty-two acres of property on both sides of the great country road leading to Concord and extended to Waltham St., Children; Esther, b. Jul 11, 1735, d. Oct 9, unnm.1789, **Sarah b. March 30, 1737, m. Bezaleel Lawrence, Oct. 19, 1758, (Bezaleel b. probably in Fram., April 13, 1736), he d.Feb. 6, 1796, and Sarah d. Feb. 4, 1819, around age 80.** Amos b. June 7, 1739, d.1740, Amos, b. May 24, 1741, m. Abigail Bowers of Billerica, Nov. 29, 1764, William, b. July 31, 1743; m. Lydia Reed of Charlestown, Samuel, b. July 12, 1745; d. Aug. 23, 1747, Bethiah, b. July 8, 1747; m. Nov. 16, 1769 to Thaddeus Brown, Mary, b. Sept. 8, 1749, Benjamin, b. Jan 25, 1752, was a Chaplain, eventually lost at sea. Esther re-married, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1758 to Thomas Prentice Esq. of Newton (d. Mar 3, 1760), Esther married Captain Samuel Whittemore on 15 Aug 1765 in Lexington, Middlesex, Massachusetts.

### Grand-Parents;

Samuel & Esther (Carter) Green (from Woburn), Samuel, d. 10 Aug. 1759 in the 63 year of his age. Children, Esther Green b. Sept 16, 1716 d. young, Esther Green b. Sept. 7, 1718 she was not married between the years 1752 to 1758, Phebe b. 4/22/21, d. 1722, Samuel b. 4/17/23, m. April 3, 1750 Kezia Smith c. Samuel bap. Aug. 16, 1752. **Elisabeth b. Jun 22, 1727, child out of wedlock, d. giving birth 10 Jun 1750, in the 24 year of her age (adm. ch. 7 Nov 1742)**, Benjamin b. Dec. 2, 1732.

Homestead...

-Samuel & Esther Green, most likely lived near the center of town because of him being employed in 1720 to ring the bell, sweep the meeting house & keep the key.

- Amos Muzzey & Ester Green  
His homestead is thus described: "The home land, containing by estimation eighty-two acres, with a mansion house and barn and corn house upon it, consisting of pasturage, mowing, ploughing, orchard, and woodland, lying upon both sides of the great country road leading to Concord."

-Lawrence Family lived in Woburn on Lexington line, but family took to an active part in the affairs of Lexington.

Isaac was born in Lexington Mass., in the 1750's. He was one of the minutemen who took part in the fight at Lexington in April 1775. Later in that month, according to the official military records of Massachusetts, he was one of "the men who guarded the cannon at Lexington, and thence to Cambridge," where the American Army was being mobilized.

Isaac married Sept. 5, 1778, to Eleanor Tufts of Medford

He died 27. Feb. 1790, Medford, burial place unknown?



Below is a copy of the Deposition that Isaac Green signed along with 33 members of Capt. Parker's Co.

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*Deposition: No. 7. Lexington, April 25, 1775.*

*We, (33 members) and Isaac Green, all of Lawful age, and Inhabitants of Lexington in the County of Middlesex, and Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, do testify and declare, that on the 19th of April instant, about one or two o'clock in the morning, being Informed that several officers of the Regulars had, the evening before, been riding up and down the Road, and had detained and Insulted the Inhabitants passing the same; and also understanding that a body of Regulars were marching from Boston towards Concord, with intent (as it was supposed) to take the Stores, belonging to the Colony, in that town, we were alarmed, and having met at the place of our Company's Parade, were dismissed by our Captain, John Parker, for the Present, with orders to be ready to attend at the beat of the drum. We further testify and declare, that about five o'clock in the morning, hearing our drum heat, we proceeded towards the Parade, and soon found that a Large body of troops were marching towards us: Some of our Company were coming up to the Parade, and others had reached it; at which time the Company began to disperse: Whilst our backs were Turned on the Troops, we were fired on by them, and a number of our men were Instantly killed and wounded. Not a Gun was fired, by any Person in our Company, on the Regulars, to our knowledge, before they fired on us, and they continued Firing until we had all made our Escape.*

*[Signed by each of the above deponents.]*

*[Note 1: I Sworn to before William Reed, Josiah Johnson and William Stickney.]*



### Military Records

Capt. Parker's co., April 19, 1775, Capt. Parker's co., called to Cambridge May 6 – May 10, 1775, First Campaign of Eight mo. 1775, collected 5 pounds (Bezaleel Lawrence for Isaac Green)

Isaac Green, Private, in a detachment from Lexington militia co. commanded by Capt. John Parker; service, 5 days; company reported on command at Cambridge from May 6, 1775, to May 10, 1775, by order of Committee of Safety; also, list of men who guarded the cannon at Lexington and thence to Cambridge; warrant for pay allowed in Council April 26, 1776; said Green's order on Henry Gardner, Treasurer, payable to Bezaleel Lawrence, dated Medford, March 27, 1776, for waged for guarding cannon at Lexington 7 days "last April" appears on reverse of list.

### Mass. Soldiers & Sailors

Isaac Green, Lexington; List of men belonging to Capt. John Wood's co. who took the oath in Middlesex Co. May 27, 1775, required by Congress to be taken by the Mass. Army; also, Capt. John Wood's co., Col. Samuel Gerrish's regt.; order for advance pay, signed by said

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Green and others, dated Cambridge, June 1, 1775; also, Private, Capt. Wood's (5<sup>th</sup>) co., Lieut. Col. Loammi Baldwin's (late Col. Gerrish's) 38<sup>th</sup> (also given 37<sup>th</sup>) regt.; mustrol dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 8, 1775; service, 2 mos. 25 days; also, Capt. Wood's co., Col. Samuel Garish's (Garrison's) regt.; return of the sick and absent in said company, dated Medford, Aug. 10, 1775; Captain's Wood's co., Lieut. Col. Baldwin's regt.; abstract for wages for Sept., 1775; Captain's receipt for said wages is dated Chelsea, Oct. 31, 1775; also, company return [probably Oct., 1775]; also, receipt for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Medford, Dec. 28, 1775; also, list endorsed: "Medford, Dec. 22, 1775," of men belonging to Capt. Wood's co. who declined to serve the month of Jan. [1776]; also, Private, Capt. Wood's co., Col. Loammi Baldwin's (26<sup>th</sup>) regt.; pay abstracts for Feb. and March, 1776; also, same co. and regt.; pay abstract for May, 1776; also, same co. and regt.; pay abstract for June 1776, dated New York; also, same co. and regt.; pay and abstract for mileage, etc., for the year 1776. Isaac Green, Medford; Sergeant, Capt. Joshua Reed's co., Col. John Robinson's regt.; enlisted July 8, 1777; service, 5 mos. 27 days, at Rhode Island; also. Same co. and regt.; muster rolls dated North Kingston, Dec. 18, 1777, and Jan. 1, 1778; enlistment to expire Jan 1, 1778.

Isaac Green, Medford; Receipt dated Medford, May 26, 1778, signed by said Green, for bounty paid him by Richard Hall, on behalf of the town of Medford, to serve in the Continental Army; also, descriptive list of men raised in Middlesex co., to reinforce Continental Army for the term of 9 months from the

time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778; Capt. Brook's co., Col. Thatcher's regt.; age, 23 yrs.; stature 5ft. 11 in.; residence, Medford; engaged for the town of Medford; also, list of men returned as received of Jonathan Warner, Commissioner, by Col. R. Putnam, July 20, 1778; arrived at Fishkill June 21, 1778.

It was difficult to tell what the military organization of the town of Lexington was during the revolution. In 1779, there were two military companies; for the town at a public meeting voted that the interest of the cause required that the two existing companies be united as one. Immediately after the close of the war, there was an important change in military organizations. The people had seen the importance of a military force; and the State adopted measures accordingly to make the militia more efficient.



Isaac Green shows documentation that as stated above he was issued a bounty coat in the fall of 1775.

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Today's Lexington Minutemen has researched and duplicated that same coat, exact color and style with the number '38' embossed on button. You will see on our website when the Lexington Training Band re-issued the same 'Bounty Coat' at the Buckman Tavern.

Sources; His. of Lex, Hudson, Reg of Deeds/Cambridge, Mass Soldiers and Sailors, with help from Lexington Historical Society, archive.org, Government archive via internet  
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